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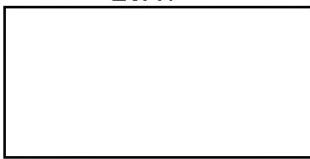
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1. From 8 through 10 December, a course of the Aviation Sport Section of the "Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik" (Athletic and Technical Association) was held at the vocational school at 9 Ostrower Damm, Cottbus. The course was supervised by one Fritz Rothmann, a former glider pilot, now full-time employee of the Cottbus branch of the Athletic and Technical Association. Of 15 men who were scheduled to attend the course, seven turned up including four pilots of the former German Air Force; the other three had had no previous training. All the trainees including Rothmann were anti-Communists. Subjects covered at the course included a history of aviation; physics; aerodynamics; technical data of a GL-38 glider plane; regulations to be observed in gliding; and aircraft reconnaissance.
2. The course included some initial training with a training glider on the slope of a hill near Neu Zauche. The trainer was kept in a barn. At the end of the course, the trainees signed a statement to the effect that it was useless to assign experienced pilots and newcomers to the same course.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Information on the Cottbus organization of the Athletic and Technical Association was transmitted previously. [REDACTED]
 The utilization of the glider field near Neu Zauche northwest of Cottbus by the association mentioned was reported previously.

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